

R-S joining two anniversary parties

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THE RECORD SEARCHLIGHT will be joining in two anniversary celebrations that are just around the corner.

First up is the Sept. 17 celebration of the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States.

Just 39 men were on hand in Philadelphia to sign the original document in Independence Hall on Sept. 17, 1787. But you'll be able to "add" your own signatures, thanks to a program launched by the California Bicentennial Foundation for the U.S. Constitution and sponsored locally by the R-S and at least one other group.

The foundation has created full-size facsimile reproductions of the Constitution, printed on "parchment," with room for 20 signatures per copy.

Those who sign the Constitution (with a quill pen, no less) will receive an 8½x11-inch commemorative keepsake Constitution reproduced on "parchment" that can be framed, if desired.

We've purchased enough materials to permit 5,000 area residents to participate.

Another group, led by Marcene Bolton and Donna Ellis, will be gathering another 2,500 signatures. There may be other groups involved, as well.

WE'LL BE KICKING OFF our own sign-up program at a booth we'll be manning next weekend at the Mt. Shasta Mall during its media days promotion. Then beginning the following Monday, R-S customers will be able to add their signatures at our office, as well.

A civic observance of the anniversary is scheduled at Old City Hall Park at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17. That same day, we'll be manning a booth in The Mall downtown, where you'll also be able to sign a Constitution and receive your commemorative copy.

The signed Constitutions will be returned to the state Bicentennial Foundation for tabulation. They will also be featured in California's float in the Rose Parade on New Year's Day and will then be archived in the Bicentennial Founda-

tion's permanent records.

WAITING IN THE WINGS are the windup events to Redding's yearlong 100th birthday party.

The grand finale is on the weekend of Oct. 3 and 4, with parades, fireworks and more.

A celebration like that just wouldn't be complete without a scrapbook full of snapshots — a kind of municipal family album.

Gary Engell of Crown Camera Inc. — with the aid of some film and camera companies, and the R-S — is holding a competition for local shutterbugs designed to chronicle "A Weekend in the Life of Redding." It's not just any weekend, but the 100th anniversary weekend.

Up to 100 amateur photographers can compete. The only qualifications are that you be a California resident, at least 18 years old, and use 35mm equipment. There is also a \$5 registration fee, which goes to the Redding Centennial Committee.

EACH ENTRANT will receive a free roll of color film and will be asked to pick from a list of 100 locations or activities the subject he or she will photograph during the weekend of Oct. 3-4.

Crown will process the film without charge and entrants will be asked to select their five best prints for judging.

A panel of judges will pick winners for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place honors, and those winning photographs will be published in full color on the lead page of our "Town&Country" section, which appears in Saturday's newspaper. If all goes smoothly, we may be able to publish the winners on Oct. 17. And, if space permits, there's a chance we'll be able to include another entry or two, as well.

And finally, Gary and his crew will assemble a scrapbook containing at least one print from each competitor, to be presented to the city of Redding to include in its "family album" of centennial year events.

Entry forms for the photo contest will appear in the Record Searchlight in the next few days and entries can be obtained at Crown Camera, too.